

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

With the variable delay line 10B according to the second specific example, when DC voltages having substantially the same value are supplied from the third and fourth voltage control terminals 62, 64 to the third and fourth varactor diodes 58, 60 through resistors or ~~capacitors~~ coils (not shown), the coupling capacitances C of the third and fourth varactor diodes 58, 60 are changed by the same value commensurate with the value of the DC voltages, thereby compensating for a change in the phase of the third output signal of the variable delay line 10B based on the change in the absolute delay time which is caused by the change in the coupling capacitances C of the first and second varactor diodes 42, 44 and the change in the central frequency which is caused by the change in the resonant frequencies of the first and second $\lambda/4$ dielectric resonators 46, 48.